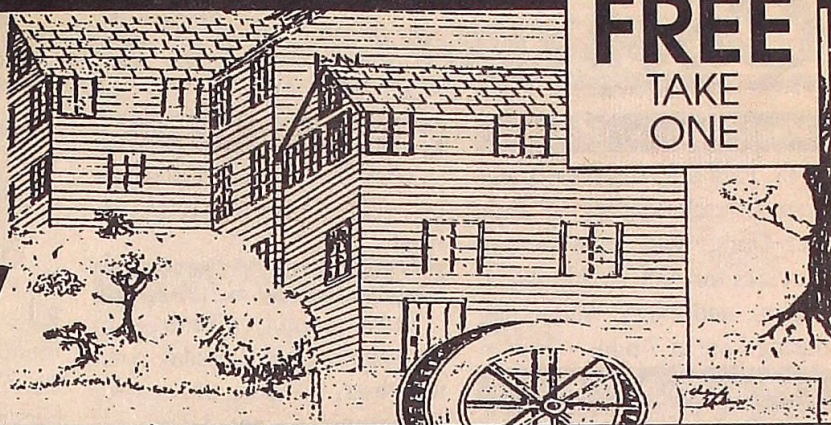


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## BOARD APPROVES CONSULTING FIRM FOR MASTER PLAN

by LARRY L. O'KELLEY

At the March 8 School Board meeting, the Board approved the hiring of McKinna & Associates as the consulting firm to draw up the new Master Plan for the Township.

Previously the board had interviewed several candidates for this work and each company presented a written and verbal presentation to the board. However, the interviews took place and without an explanation, the board did not get back to the issue until the March meeting.

Supervisor Glaab finally brought the matter back to the attention of the Board and recommended McKinna & Associates. This did not sit well with Trustee McKinney who reminded the board that the Township already had a

consulting firm. The Township uses the firm of Williams & Works as their consultant and they provide expertise for the Planning and Appeals Commissions.

Trustee McKinney thought it was unusual to pay for a new consulting firm when the Township would continue to pay for the existing firm. He also said there would be actually three working in the area of planning when the new Director of Planning and Zoning is hired.

He went on to say that he first understood the reason for a new Master Plan was to study the impact of the airport expansion. After that, the idea of more services just "snow balled." He reminded the board the Planning Commission recommended the hiring of William & Works for the Master Plan. He praised the

current consultant firm and considered they were doing an "excellent job."

Trustee Adkins voiced her opinion that it was important the citizens be given the opportunity to express their concerns. Supervisor Glaab responded that it was part of the process and so noted in the proposal.

Trustee McKinney was the only dissenting vote.

The new Master Plan will cost \$39,500 and the Village Plan will cost an additional \$8,900.

In a related matter, the hiring of a Director of Planning and Zoning was taken off the agenda by the Supervisor without explanation.

## NEW SENIOR DIRECTOR HIRED

by LARRY O'KELLEY

At the March 8 Township Board meeting, Supervisor Glaab recommended that Francis Bredow be appointed as the Senior Director.

This came as little surprise considering the position did not exist but the Board did not seem concerned about that particular aspect. They moved forward and approved the recommendation just a few weeks after firing the current Recreation/Senior Director.

You will recall that the Board — less than a year ago — created a new position of Recreation/Senior Director in the hopes of developing a more comprehensive recreation program for the Township. Unfortunately problems developed and the board terminated the Director during a controversial meeting. At the meeting the Director had actually resigned but the board upstaged her and fired her.

The speed in which the Supervisor found a replacement, prompted Trustee Adkins to ask how Mrs. Bredow was

referred to him. He replied the local Senior Citizens referred her. He also advised that Mrs. Bredow was one of the original applicants for the Recreation/Senior Director position.

This prompted Trustee McKinney to remind the Board that the position that she had applied for (Recreation/Senior Director) no longer existed. He suggested the new position of Senior Director should be reposted. Actually the position of Recreation/Senior Director still technically exists because the Board did not eliminate the job, they just eliminated the person that held the position. It is the position of Senior Director that didn't exist.

Mrs. Bredow spoke briefly to the Board and appeared to be a delightful lady. She spoke of her interest in the program and advised she had been involved with the Romulus Senior Citizen program for the last three and a half years. She advised she was a retired school teacher.

The Board approved her appointment with Trustee Adkins and McKinney voting in opposition.



# Community Calendar

## Wed. beginning March 8

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, corner of Ellis and Craig, will have Lenten Services for Ash Wednesday at 7 p.m., and every Wednesday during Lent at 7 p.m.

## Fridays, March 10-April 14

St. Stephen's Annual Fish Fry, 18858 Huron River Drive, New Boston. Serving 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Adults \$7.50, children \$4.50. Includes: choice of baked or fried fish, baked potato or mac-n-cheese, green beans, coleslaw, roll, beverage and dessert.

## March 11

March 11. Huron Sportsmen Steak Fry. 5 p.m.-9 p.m. Steak and Trimmings \$8.50

## Monday, April 10

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, corner of Ellis and Craig, will have a blood drive, from 2-8 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome or call for an appointment (734) 753-9048.

## Daily

Historical Society Calendars on sale daily at Reininger Realty.

## Monthly Meetings

HAA monthly meetings are held the second Tuesday each month at 7:30 p.m. at Krzyske Community Center. All monthly meetings are open to the public.

M.O.P.S. (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers) meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at St. John's Lutheran Church in Waltz from 9-11 a.m. There is free child care available. Come for rest, support, crafts, and affirmation. For mothers of infants through kindergarten-age children. For information call 783-2651.

Recreation Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Huron Township Hall.

Huron Athletic Boosters meet the first Tuesday of each month. Call 654-3781 for info.

Third Thursday of the month September through May, Huron River Riders Horse Club monthly meetings 7:30 Krzyske Center, Waltz. New members always welcome.

V.F.W. Post 6040 meets the third Tuesday of each month at the Krzyske Center in Waltz, at 7 p.m.

## Township Meetings

Board of Trustees meet second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 at the Krzyske Center in Waltz.

Planning Commission meets the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Krzyske Center.

Zoning Board of Appeals meets the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Krzyske Center.

yske Center.

Historical Society meets the third Wed. of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Applefest Building.

Historical Commission meets the second Thursday of each month at the Township Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Recycling Committee meets the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Krzyske Center.

Telecommunications Committee meets the last Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall.

## Senior Citizens

Huron Township Senior Citizens. Waltz Group: Pres., Alice McGrew, 753-5954. Meetings: First Tues. of the month noon, sandwich/cards. Third Tues. of the month, noon, pot luck and cards. Fifth Tues. of the month 1 p.m., cookies/cards.

New Boston Group: Pres-

ident: Edna Curistan, 782-3470. Meetings: First Wed. of the month, 12:30 p.m. Third Thurs. of the month, 4:30 p.m., pot luck.

Events at Senior Center of Merriman Road: Meals on wheels every day. Hot meals every day 11:30 a.m. Call Linda (Crickett) Thompson at 782-5190. Card party every Mon. 12:30 p.m.. Quilting every Tues. 9-11:30 a.m. Trips are offered. Call Francis at 782-2626.

Commodities may be picked up the fourth Tuesday of each month between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

## Of General Interest

Perennial herbs needed for a colonial herb garden being developed in the fall at the Samuel Adams Historical Museum. Remember us when you are dividing your perennial herbs. For more info. please contact Georgette Heron-Willoughby or Johan Sutton at State Farm. 753-3447.

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**Al Fresco**



Georgette Heron-Willoughby

The fourth week in March is the perfect time to make some chicken stew.

This is a great stew to put a crust or biscuits over to make a pot pie.

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| 2 ribs Celery - chunks                | 2 tbs. fresh Parsley - chopped |
| 2 cloves Garlic - finely chopped      | 1/2 tsp. dried Tarragon        |
| 2 cups mini Carrots                   | 1/2 tsp. Salt                  |
| 2 cups Potatoes - chunks              | 1/2 tsp. Pepper                |
| 1/2 cup Corn                          | 1 heaping tbs. Flour           |
| 1/2 cup fresh Green Beans - 3" pieces | 1/3 cup cold Water             |
| 3 cups Chicken Broth                  |                                |

In a large covered pot, add all ingredients (except flour and cold water). Bring to boil; reduce heat, cover and simmer 1 1/2 hours. Adjust salt. Mix flour and water together until smooth. Stir gradually into bubbling stew and simmer 10-15 minutes.

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# Michigan Rocks

by MARK CLARK

Welcome to another column featuring Michigan-based music. I hope you enjoy this month's artists. Remember to support local music. As always, send any comments to [jmpclark@globalbiz.net](mailto:jmpclark@globalbiz.net).

## Audrey Becker

Audrey Becker caught my attention a few years ago when she was part of the folk rock



AUDREY BECKER

trio Jane Doe. Since that time she has gone on to gain national attention with her numerous song-writing awards at the Tucson Folk Festival, the Telluride Troubadour Competition in Colorado and in the John Lennon Song-writing Contest.

Audrey recently released her debut album "Where I Draw The Line" on Turnabout Records. Featuring 12 songs,

the CD has received nothing but praise from music critics. The Agenda declared that Audrey was "A cool songwriter, with a truckload of hooks and a fresh energetic drive," the Williamsport Sun-Gazette said that "Her lyrics are insightful and literate and her melodies stay in your head for days" and Thrust Magazine out of Canada says "Becker gleefully throws down venom to a plucky, jovial beat ... with a macabre twist of humor." The whole CD is great but my favorite cuts are "Circles in the Sand," "We all Fall Down," "Cross My Heart" and "Elizabeth's Song" which is from a 16th century poem by Queen Elizabeth I. Highly recommended. More more info write to: Turnabout Records, P.O. Box 20811, Ferndale, MI 48220.

## White Stripes

The White Stripes are Jack (guitar) and Meg (drums) White, a brother/sister duo that recently released their debut CD on the California-based Sympathy for the record industry.

Their sound can best be described as raw, primitive

and sometimes bluesy rock 'n roll. Imagine a mixture of the 60's garage band the Standells (Love That Dirty Water) Led Zeppelin and T-Rex.

My favorite cut on the 17-song CD is "Screwdriver" featuring some awesome guitar



WHITE STRIPES

from Jack. Other favorites are "Stop Breaking Down," "The Big Three Killed My Baby," "Wasting My Time," the bluesy "Suzy Lee" and "Astro" and "Cannon" where

in mid song they rip into a verse of the old gospel spiritual "John the Revelator."

The White Stripes are not going to appeal to everyone, but as music critic Norene Cashen says "Their music will at least rekindle the excitability of someone who still gets a thrill out of raw talent gone this beautifully and youthfully awry." I guess that someone is me, because I loved it! You should be able to pick up the

CD at Desirable Discs in Dearborn.

## Bliss

A recent newspaper article said it best "Bliss is in seventh heaven." Bliss is a downriver-based modern rock band that has just signed a contract with Capitol Records. That contract guarantees the band six albums as well as a song to be included on the soundtrack to

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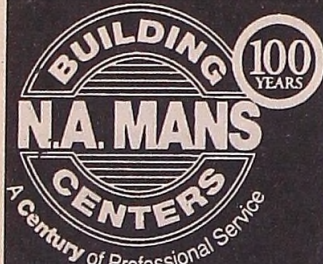
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# MICHIGAN ROCKS

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BLISS

the film "Titan A.E." a 20th Century Fox animated production. The group left for Los Angeles in January to start work with Grammy Award

winning producer Glenn Ballard (Alanis Morissette) on their major label debut.

Bliss whose influences include Buffalo Springfield, U2, The Verve and The Goo Goo Dolls has been together a little over four years. In late 1998 the band released a self-produced independent CD that is sure to become a collector's item. The CD recorded when most of the band was still in high school, features 11 original songs written by guitarist Aaron James and vocalist Cheyenne. All in all it's an

impressive CD and Bliss is certainly a band to watch for.

## Leavin' Dodge

Michelle Chenard and Erin Brennan make up Leavin' Dodge, a band out of Charlevoix, Michigan. The duo have an earthy country/pop sound, sort of like the Indigo Girls meets the Judds. Leavin' Dodge is currently receiving airplay on numerous radio stations throughout northern Michigan and have a song on the



LEAVIN' DODGE

Northern Michigan Rocks CD, a compilation promoted by WKLT in Traverse City. The duo also sing backup vocals for the Bihlman Bros., a Blues Band where they are known as the Sweet Soul Sistars.

Leavin' Dodge have a self-produced eight-song CD available. For more info, write to the Band at P.O. 548, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

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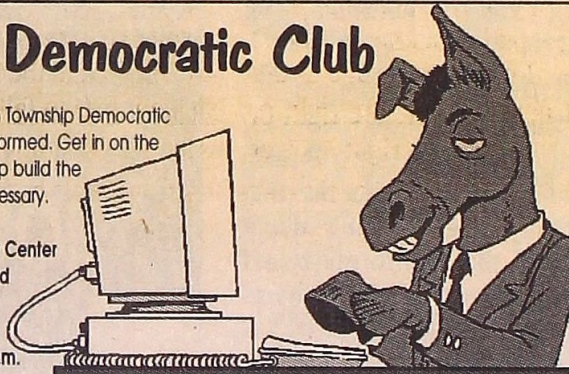
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### April

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- 2 Woodchuck Wander, 2 p.m.
- 8 Huron River Steelhead Trout Fishing
- 16 A Froggy Day, 2 p.m.
- 29 Birding for Beginners, 8 p.m.
- 30 Canoe & Kayak Expo, noon-4 p.m.

## Huron Democratic Club

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## Sho Nuff



Larry O'Kelley

We are almost at the end of March and this has led me to ask the question: "Does anyone fly kites anymore?"

I have noted that for the last couple of years it is difficult to find a kit for sale at the local convenience store. About the only place you can find them is at the big stores like K-Mart or Walmart. Maybe once in a while a drug store will have them.

The truth is, they don't carry them because the kids don't want them. And they haven't for some time. I can remember trying to get my kids interested in kites. I would dutifully put the kite together and balance it with a tail. Then balance the lead string against the kite. Usually the kites would fly but the kids would just look at it and start shuffling their feet. The pure joy of kite flying seems to have been lost with my children's generation which is the "X" generation.

Back in Kennett, I can remember running to the store and pressing for any information on the arrival of kites. Eventually, toward the end of February they would arrive. They were in a multitude of colors and, of course, Moon Kites.

Moon Kites smelled so good and seemed enormous to a kid. Actually, they were quite modest kites and rather cheap kits at that.

Just about everybody on our

block would get a kite and we would put them together with skill and daring, too. The most difficult part was the cross bow. You had to tie the horizontal stick like a bow with your string. Of course, a kite might have worked without the arc in the bow but only geeks and little kids tried to fly a kite that way.

Sometimes tragedy would strike early when an overzealous kid would bend the bar too much and it would break. The sticks were made out of balsa wood and were very fragile.

When that happened, the kid usually saved the rest for parts and got more money from his parents. However, some of us were not as rich as others and often we would literally reach into our pockets and come out with a penny here and a penny there. Usually we scraped up enough money for the kid to buy another kite. Of course, we would always "lord over" the act and remind the kid that he had better watch the next one because "we ain't no charity."

Some of us were better than others putting a kite together. I guess I was average and usually I never got the arc right or the string in the right spot or

just the right amount of tail. My kites were always "okay," but never anything special. I usually went through a lot of kites during the flying season.

Like all kids, we also knew that just watching a kite fly wouldn't "fly." We made up games and devised war games that sometimes ended in a ripped-up kite. Usually it ended up with both kites getting tangled up and crashing to the ground, in a tree or hooked to an electrical wire.

We would attach nails or other sharp items at the end of the "three points" and try to ram the kite into the other kite. Most of the time my kite would suffer and many a "Moon" crashed to the ground in utter defeat.

A guy by the name of Vavock was the best one I ever saw with putting a kite together. He was a couple of years older than us and we sort of looked up to him because he walked the talk when it came to kites.

He almost always won the game of "war." He also had the ability to string up his youngest sister's doll to the kite, hoist it to the heavens and shake it free to fall to the earth with a resounding crunch. He

also did this to frogs with homemade parachutes attached to them. Looking back, he was a little weird.

I can't say it was the last year of our kite competition but it was one of the last, when I bought the perfect Moon Kite. I also can't say I immediately knew I was in the presence of greatness, but I can say that as I was putting it together, I knew it was a special moment. The cross bow went to the perfect arc. The vertical support string was placed in perfect and the ball of string was attached just to the right


spot on the vertical string. The tail was just the right weight and I knew it was, even before putting it to the wind.

The raiser blades attached to the three points with no difficulty and did not over-burden the kite. It was as my best friend Bobby said, "the best dang kite in the valley." I heartily agreed and marched to Vavock with the challenge.

Vavock accepted and the war was on.

I would like to say that I destroyed him with expert moves and pivots. But the

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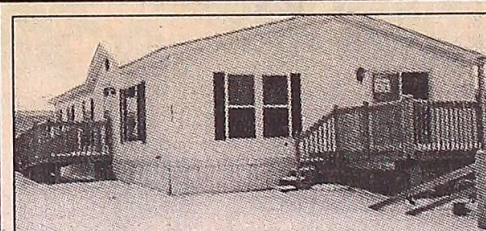
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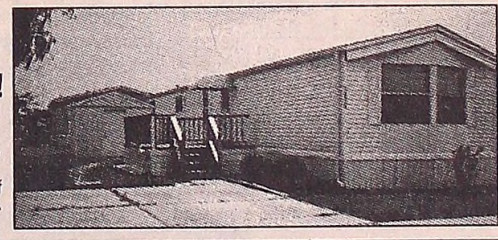
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### Aries

March 21 - April 20

Birthday on the horizon? Will that party be big? Maybe too young or too old to really care or know? Think of all the happy times. Remembering all the unpleasant is just that, unpleasant. Are your early flowers history? Better replant for next year. *Lucky #493.*

### Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Bull? Bull! Someone out there is tired of it all. Actually a lot of people are. You have moved the game board,

changed the rules, but no one agrees with you. You may find yourself left in the corner alone. Think of what is to be gained or lost before you pull that handle. *Lucky #831.*

### Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Well, do party plans have you in a hurry? How many balloons do you need? Hey, wait a minute. Your birthday isn't for two moons. Buds on trees a concern but nature is your ali. All usually turns positive. Youth keeps you busy. Outsmarted you again. *Lucky #418.*

### Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Can life get any better than now? If only it could remain too simple. With a smile and a wave the world is yours to commend. Wait, you're not the king or queen. Good try anyway! Too bad this fanfare had to end. And you return to reality. Was fun while it lasted. *Lucky #319.*

### Leo

July 24 - August 23

Not easy. Never is. Remember love is still there. Time to watch ground as rains begin to fall. Neighbors are watching but what and why? Spouse mood mellows, as "shift" is now in advantage, or are you the lucky one? Spring fever. Don't overdo and catch cold. *Lucky #333.*

### Virgo

August 24 - September 23

Road rocky? Just think of all those watching at the finish line or maybe around the bend.

Time to be the fox. Money problems, who's to blame for that? Start new outlook. Stop blame. Just fix problem. And may resolve other misfortunes. *Lucky #491.*

### Libra

September 24 - October 23

Oh, boy. And you are left behind to pick up the pieces. Some people have all the luck. But this game piece may be one you want to play well. And remember, there may be competition in own backyard, for squatter's rights. Best keep feet on ground this week. Travel plans, best for next week. *Lucky #667.*

### Scorpio

October 24 - November 22

You look like a sports memorabilia store. Who and what are you routing for now? Fishing good. At last that's what others tell you. Someone anxious for extra attention. Possibly in party mood. Or a quick change. You are always



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on the move these days. *Lucky #591.*

### Sagittarius

November 23 - December 21

How can one pump get repaired and then another go bad? Isn't that always the way life seems to go? This one bears close attention. Road seems long this week. White lines and reflectors. Or are you mesmerized by long flashing rows of lights. Whatever the case. Keeps eyes open and watch out for the unexpected. *Lucky #884.*

### Capricorn

December 22 - January 20

Oh brother. Have you rocked the boat or are you the one who stabilizes? Possibly one and the same. You wonder what to do with unnecessary concerns. And other's problems you cannot solve. Ask why you get stuck with them anyway. Others have answers, you need the question. *Lucky #683.*

### Aquarius

January 21 - February 19

That's what happens when you pretend to be Irish. Still on the mend are you? Spouse anxious to see family but not like you are. Trip to airport quickly approaching. Do you have enough room for all the passengers and luggage? Is it matching luggage? *Lucky #990.*

### Pisces

February 20 - March 20

Now that wasn't so bad was it? You pray that you keep to your guns and not let others influence your decisions as before. Time to think spring and exercise. Walking is good, for all ages. Don't forget, you have to walk before you can run. *Lucky #615.*

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Eventually our kites got tangled and spiraled down to the power lines. We tried to yank them free but eventually we had to cut the string and bid two more Moon Kites goodbye.

"Good war," Vavock said as he walked away. "I'm thinking of going to box kites anyway."

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